

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following paragraph:

[0022] Strap H is made of 16 point heavy weight polypropylene webbing that is 1 inch in width and 46 inches in length. It can also be made of any suitable size or material. For example, it can range from 1 inch in width to 2.5 inches in width. It can also be longer or shorter than 46 inches in length, and the material it is made of can be nylon webbing instead of polypropylene. One end of strap H is routed around the quick release buckle and attached to base 12. In the present embodiment, Strap H is sewn to base 12. The free end of Strap H is first routed through ring K and attached to base 12. From the point of attachment to base 12, the free end of Strap H is then routed through the aperture in handle G and sewn back onto itself forming a small loop that holds the handle in position with strap H. This loop is designed to provide enough slack so that twisting handle G does not cause base 12 to bind or twist. Once strap H is positioned to hold handle G, it is routed through the area above base 12 and below cap F so that the other end remains free to use by the user to be placed into the quick release buckle D in order to tighten the tourniquet article 10. Strap H can also be secured directly to base 12, e.g., at a first point upstream from handle G and at a second point downstream from handle G, with an allowance for a loop to run through handle G.